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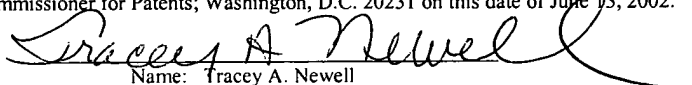
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For: **STRIPPER COMPOSITION AND  
STRIPPING METHOD**

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Name: Tracey A. Newell**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56. Copies of the documents are also being submitted.

Each item cited in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) dated April 24, 2002 (copy enclosed). Thus, since this IDS is being filed prior to a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance being mailed for this case, then, under 37 C.F.R. 1.97, no fee is due.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits

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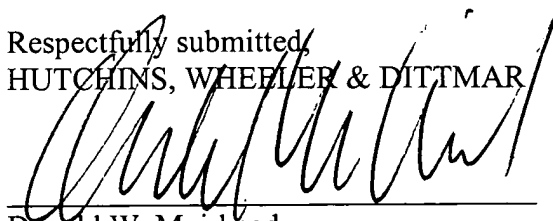
a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. A copy of the official action is enclosed. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application corresponding to the above-captioned U.S. patent application. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each document on the PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 501136**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 951-6676.

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(Reason 1)

The inventions claimed in the following claims of the present application are inventions described in the following publications that were disseminated in Japan or in foreign countries prior to the filing of the application. Thus, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 (1) (iii) of the Patent Law, these inventions cannot be patented.

Note (For cited references, etc., see the Table of Cited References, etc.)

- Claims 1 through 8
- Cited References 1 through 3

Remarks:

No structural difference is recognized between the inventions described in References 1 through 3 and the inventions according to Claims 1 through 8 of the present application.

- Claims 9 through 12
- Cited References 4 and 5

Remarks:

No structural difference is recognized between the inventions described in References 4 and 5 and the inventions according to Claims 9 through 12 of the present application.

(Reason 2)

The inventions claimed in the following claims of the present application are the same as inventions (innovations) described in the specification or drawing(s) initially appended to the following patent application (utility model registration) which was filed prior to the filing date of the patent application (utility model registration), and which was published (issue of patent gazette or issue of utility model) or laid open following said filing; furthermore, the inventor(s) of the present application are not the same as the persons who invented (innovated) the above-mentioned inventions (innovations) involved in the patent application (utility model registration) filed prior to said filing, and the applicant at the time of the present application is not the same as the applicant of the above-mentioned patent application (utility model registration). Thus, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29<sup>bis</sup> of the Patent Law, the above-mentioned inventions cannot be patented.

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- Claims 1 through 12
- Previous Application 6

Remarks:

No structural difference is recognized between the inventions described in Previous Application 6 and the inventions according to Claims 1 through 12 of the present application.

Table of Cited References, etc.

1. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H07-120937  
(In particular, see [Claims], [0001], [0010], [0011], [0013], and [0021].)
2. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H11-258825  
(In particular, see [Claims], [0001], [0009] through [0015], and [0019].)

3. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H08-334905  
(In particular, see [Claims] and [0019].)
4. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H11-282176  
(In particular, see [Claims], [0001], [0010], [0024], and [0025].)
5. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H09-319098  
(In particular, see [Claims], [0018], [0019], and [0031] through [0042].)
6. Japanese Patent Application No. H11-370694 (See Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. 2001-183850.)  
(In particular, see [Claims], [0001], [0019], [0025], and [0026].)